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In re Application of GRZONKA

Serial No.: to be determined

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SUPPLYING A
FLOWING MEDIUM TO THE TOBACCO OF A
SMOKING PRODUCT

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 1.97(b) AND CONCISE EXPLANATION
OF RELEVANCE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.98**

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97 and § 1.98, the references listed below are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above identified patent application. A copy of the cited references is enclosed.

FOREIGN REFERENCES CITED:

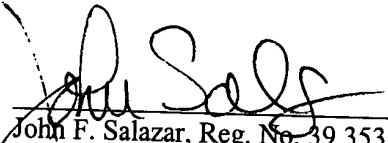
<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>INVENTOR or ASSIGNEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
DE 2 322 162	Yatrides, Georges Alexdre, Grenoble	November 22, 1973
GB 2 191 380 A (english)	Cahill et al.	December 16, 1987

Under 37 CFR §1.98, with respect to the non-English language foreign reference cited for DE 2 322 162, the relevant portion of the document is directed to a method for manufacturing cigarettes in which a tobacco-free air-permeable channel is produced in the tobacco filling, said channel extending from the butt end of the cigarette to the mouth end; the mouth side end of said channel is closed by an air-impermeable closure.

Certification Under 37 CFR §1.97(b)

This information is being submitted before the mailing date of the first office action. Therefore, no fee is due for its submission.

Respectfully submitted,



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